

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/813,809

Applicant(s)

HUTCHISON ET AL.

Examiner

Nhan T. Le

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/18/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9 and 12-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9, 12-14 are allowed over the prior art.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claim 1, Kim (US 20020039890) teaches mobile telephone body; Wu et al (US 20030211834) teaches mobile phone; Whitney (US 6,320,963) teaches secrecy cover for key matrix; Lefort (US 7,019,985) teaches electronic device with a variable keyboard; Hyotylainen (US 7,106,857) teaches wireless communication devices. The teaching of these prior arts either combined or alone fails to teach a key independently hinged to a second portion of the first side of the body and pivotable about a pivot axis, a portion of the key overlying a third portion of the first side of the body and occupying a key region of the mobile communication device for actuation of the key; wherein the key region resides between the display region and the pivot axis and the third portion of the body resides between the first and second portions.

Dependent claims 2-9 are allowed for the same reason.

As to claim 13, Kim (US 20020039890) teaches mobile telephone body; Wu et al (US 20030211834) teaches mobile phone; Whitney (US 6,320,963) teaches secrecy cover for key matrix; Lefort (US 7,019,985) teaches electronic device with a variable keyboard; Hyotylainen (US 7,106,857) teaches wireless communication devices. The teaching of these prior arts either combined or alone fails to teach a first key hinged via a first one of the plurality of hinges to a second portion of the first side of the body and pivotable about a pivot axis, a portion of the first key overlying a third

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portion of the first side of the body and occupying a key region of the mobile communication device for actuation of the first key; wherein the key region resides between the display region and the pivot axis and the third portion of the body resides between the first and second portions.

As to claim 14, Kim (US 20020039890) teaches mobile telephone body; Wu et al (US 20030211834) teaches mobile phone; Whitney (US 6,320,963) teaches secrecy cover for key matrix; Lefort (US 7,019,985) teaches electronic device with a variable keyboard; Hyotylainen (US 7,106,857) teaches wireless communication devices. The teaching of these prior arts either combined or alone fails to teach a first key hinged via a first one of the plurality of hinges to a second portion of the first side of the body and pivotable about a first pivot axis, a portion of the first key overlying a third portion of the first side of the body and occupying a first key region of the mobile communication device for actuation of the first key; and a second key hinged via a second one of the plurality of hinges to a fourth portion of the first side of the body and pivotable about a second pivot axis, a portion of the second key overlying a fifth portion of the first side of the body and occupying a second key region of the mobile communication device for actuation of the second key; wherein the first key region resides between the display region and the first pivot axis and the third portion of the body resides between the first and second portions and the second key region resides between the display region and the second pivot axis and the fifth portion of the body resides between the first and fourth portions.

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2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhan T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7892. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-05:00 (Mon-Fri).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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